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## **Labor Department Solicits Nominations for 2006 ERISA Advisory Council**

**WASHINGTON** – The U.S. Department of Labor is soliciting nominations to fill five three-year vacancies on the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans, known as the ERISA Advisory Council. The deadline for receipt of nominations is Oct. 1, 2005.

Established by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), the bipartisan council consists of 15 members appointed by the Secretary of Labor to represent specified groups and fields that are involved in the employee benefits world. The council meets four times a year and makes recommendations to the U.S. Secretary of Labor regarding functions carried out under ERISA.

Nominations are being accepted for one vacancy each to the groups/fields representing employers, employee organizations, corporate trust, investment management, and the general public.

Interested persons or organizations may nominate qualified persons for membership. Recommendations must be submitted by letter, resolution or petition and signed by the person or, in the case of a nomination by an organization, by the group's representative making the recommendation. The nomination should briefly describe the candidate's qualifications, the group or field the candidate is being nominated for, the candidate's contact information, availability to serve, and the candidate's political party affiliation. ERISA mandates that no more than eight members of the council may represent one political party.

Nominations should be submitted to Larry Good, Executive Secretary ERISA Advisory Council, Room N-5623, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20210.

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